

California Libertarian News

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FUTURE OF FREEDOM CONFERENCE '85

Novelist Ray Bradbury and former Presidential speech writer Karl Hess will be featured speakers at the thirteenth annual Future of Freedom Conference, at Griswold's Hotel, Fullerton; October 25th - 27th.

Bradbury, author of *Fahrenheit 451* and *The Martian Chronicles*, will speak on "The invisible Revolutions in our Society," at the Saturday luncheon.

Karl Hess, a former speech writer for Sen. Barry Goldwater and Presidents Nixon and Ford, will be especially honored at the Saturday Night Banquet, with the 1985 Future of Freedom Award for contributions to the cause of liberty. Hess will also be speaking at the Sunday luncheon on "Liberty's Lifestyle: The Decentralization of Technology."

At the Banquet, the third annual H. L. Mencken Awards will be presented by Michael Grossberg and Jeff Riggenbach, of the Free Press Association. The "Menckie" is the Association's highest award for outstanding contributions in the area of First Amendment rights. Many of the Menckie winners -- columnists, authors, and cartoonists -- will be on hand to accept their awards.

This year's Future of Freedom Conference will kick off Friday night with a Celebrity Cocktail Party. Authors Robert LeFevre, Barry Reid, Anthony Hargis, George Smith, John Pugsley, Karl Hess and others will be present to sign their books. During the evening, George Smith, author of *The Case Against God*, will debate former British Marxist David Ramsey Steele on "Natural Rights: Do They Exist?" Alan Bock, editorial editor of the Orange County Register, will be the moderator.

For more information, contact: FOFCon '85, Box 26044, Santa Ana, CA 92799, or call (714) 979-5737.

1986 LPC CONVENTION PLANS

If you've ever attended a "Future of Freedom" conference, or read the "Trends" column in Reason Magazine, you'll have a hint of the kind of program being planned for the 1986 LPC Convention, "The Dawn of Freedom," scheduled for February 14 - 17, 1986, at the Viscount Hotel near Los Angeles International Airport.

For most of the 20th century, liberty has been bucking an anti-individualist trend, but in recent years several sociological trends have emerged which point to a resurgence of pro-freedom ideas in the next few years. Several top-flight Libertarian speakers will explore these trends, and their implications for Libertarians, throughout the four-day convention.

Convention business sessions, which parallel the speakers program, will deal with updating the state party platform and bylaws, electing officers and endorsing candidates for statewide office. Stay tuned for more information next month on "The Dawn of Freedom."

LPC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The LPC's 1986 membership drive is underway! The goal of this year's drive is to boost membership in the LPC to 1,986 by the 1986 LPC State Convention.

Over 5,000 letters will be in the mail before the end of September to national LP members, national LP contributors, and former LPC members, asking them to join the LPC for all of 1986, plus (at no extra cost) the rest of 1985. Next month we plan to begin sending 1986 renewal notices to all current LPC members.

Several County LP's have already announced plans to follow up the LPC's membership mailings in their Counties with local telephone calls, or supplemental mailings, or both. Listings and "blue cards" are being provided to all local LP's to assist their local follow-up activities.

Prizes will be awarded at the LPC State Convention in February to the county (or in Los Angeles County, the regional) organization which shows the greatest absolute membership growth, and the greatest percentage membership growth, for the four-month period: October 1, 1985 to February 1, 1986.

SANTA CLARA LP GOES ON-LINE

The Santa Clara LP has set up a computer "bulletin board" system so that California Libertarians with access to a modem can exchange information about local events or projects. They will be posting their meeting announcements and invite other local LP's to use the system, as well.

They are using the FIDO-NET bulletin board system on an Ampro 100 computer, on line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The phone number to hook your computer into the system is (408) 947-1776. (This is a computer number only.) All Libertarians with access to a modem are invited to call in and use the bulletin board to get news and/or add your news to the bulletin board. The National LP may also be hooking into this system soon.

CALLING ALL CANDIDATES

In just three months, 1986 Libertarian candidates for U. S. Congress, California Senate and California Assembly will be filing their declarations of candidacy and beginning to circulate petitions to have their names placed on the ballot. Signature requirements for most offices are nominal: 10% of registered Libertarians in the district, or 150 signatures, whichever is less.

Several Libertarians have already announced their plans to run for office. For example, ten candidates have already stepped forward in San Diego County.

Mike Hall has been appointed California Campaign '86 Coordinator. If you know of anyone who's interested in running for anything in 1986, give Mike a call at (213) 254-1776.

The Crusade Against South Africa

by Murray N. Rothbard

For many years, America's campuses have been sunk in political apathy. The values of the 1950s are supposed to be back, including concentration on one's career and lack of interest in social or political causes.

But now, suddenly, it begins to seem like a replay of the late 1960s: demonstrations, placards, even sit-ins on campus. The issue is apartheid in South Africa, and the campaign hopes to bring down apartheid by pressuring colleges and universities to disinvest in South Africa. Coercion against South Africa is also being pursued on the legislative front, including drives to embargo that country as well as prohibit the importation of Krugerrands.

I yield to no one in my abhorrence of the apartheid system, but it must never be forgotten what the road to Hell is paved with. Good intentions are scarcely enough, and we must always be careful that in trying to do good, we don't do harm instead.

The object of the new crusade is presumably to help the oppressed blacks of South Africa. But what would be the impact of U.S. disinvestment?

The demand for black workers in South Africa would fall, and the result would be loss of jobs and lower wage rates for the oppressed people of that country. Not only that: presumably the U.S. firms are among the highest-paying employers in South Africa, so that the impact on black wages and working conditions would be particularly severe. In short: the group we are most trying to help by our well-meaning intervention will be precisely the ones to lose the most. As on so many other occasions, doing good for becomes doing harm to.

The same result would follow from the other legislative actions against South Africa. Prohibition of Krugerrands, for example, would injure, first and foremost, the black workers in the gold mining industry. And so on down the line.

I suppose that demonstrating and crusading against apartheid gives American liberals a fine glow of moral righteousness. But have they really pondered the consequences? Some American black leaders are beginning to do so. A spokesman for the National Urban League concedes that "We do not favor disinvestment. . . . We believe that the workers would be the ones that would be hurt." And Ted Adams, executive director of the National Association of Blacks Within Government, warns that disinvestment would "come down hard on black people," and could wind up "throwing the baby out with the bath water."

But other black leaders take a sterner view. A spokesman for Chicago Mayor Harold Washington admits "some

concern that the most immediate effect of disinvestment may be felt by the laborers themselves," but then adds, on a curious note, "that's never an excuse not to take action." Michelle Kourouma, executive director of the National Conference of Black Mayors, explains the hard-line position: "How could it get any worse? We have nothing to lose and everything to gain: freedom."

The profound flaw is an equivocation on the word "we," a collective term covering a multitude of sins. Unfortunately, it is not Ms. Kourouma or Mr. Washington or any American liberal who stands to lose by disinvestment; it is only the blacks in South Africa.

It is all too easy for American liberals, secure in their well-paid jobs and their freedom in the United States, to say, in effect, to the blacks of South Africa: "We're going to make you sacrifice for your own benefit." It is doubtful whether the blacks in South Africa will respond with the same enthusiasm. Unfortunately, they have nothing to say in the matter; once again, their lives will be the pawns in other people's political games.

How can we in the United States help South African blacks? There is no way that we can end the apartheid system. But one thing we can do is the exact opposite of the counsel of our misled crusaders.

During the days of the national grape boycott, the economist Angus Black wrote that the only way for consumers to help the California grape workers was to buy as many grapes as they possibly could, thereby increasing the demand for grapes and raising the wage rate and employment of grape workers.

Similarly, all we can do is to encourage as much as possible American investment in South Africa and the importation of Krugerrands. In that way, wages and employment, in relatively well-paid jobs, will improve for the black laborers.

Free-market capitalism is a marvelous antidote for racism. In a free market, employers who refuse to hire productive black workers are hurting their own profits and the competitive position of their own company.

It is only when the State steps in that the government can socialize the costs of racism and establish an apartheid system.

The growth of capitalism in South Africa will do far more to end apartheid than the futile and counterproductive grandstanding of American liberals. ■

Dr. Rothbard, vice president for academic affairs of the Mises Institute, is also editor of its *Journal of Austrian Economics*.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The previously postponed meeting of the LPC State Executive Committee has been rescheduled for October 5 - 6 in Sacramento at the Host International (also known as the Airporter Inn), at 6945 Airport Blvd. Subcommittees of the Executive Committee will meet on Saturday, October 5th, and the full Executive Committee will begin at 9:00 am, Sunday.

A Saturday night dinner (\$15) will be followed by a program of interest to Libertarians. Sleeping room rates at the Airporter Inn are \$49 (single or double), if you mention that you are with the Libertarian Party. For reservations, call: (916) 922-8071.

IS THE GLASS HALF-EMPTY OR HALF-FULL?

This past month we received newsletters from two local California LP organizations which presented two very different pictures of local activity. (Both organizations have about the same number of members.)

One newsletter complained that ONLY about 15 people were showing up for monthly meetings, while the other boasted that AS MANY AS 15 people were attending their meetings. The first newsletter warned of the impending death of their local LP. The second bubbled over with enthusiasm for all the local LP projects that were happening.

The interesting contrast between the attitudes of the two newsletters leads one to think that perhaps even more important that the number of members in a particular local LP organization is: What are your local leaders doing to excite and involve the members you already have?

LIBERTARIAN STUDENTS ORGANIZING

The LPC's student outreach program announced last month is already generating interest among Libertarian college students. As of press-time, five new Libertarian groups are in the process of being formed:

Shawn McMillan	U. C. San Diego	(619) 453-6453.
D. Showley	Cypress College	(714) 826-2220
Bill Mitchell	Cal State L. A.	(213) 223-9555
James Sterling	Cal Tech	(818) 577-8780
Roger Grigsby	U. C. Santa Cruz	(408) 423-4553

Organizing manuals and lists of registered Libertarians on or near these campuses are being sent to the organizers. The next contributions that come in for this project will be used to purchase quantities of literature (brochures, platforms, reading lists, and David Bergland's Libertarianism in One Lesson) for organizers to display on literature tables at their campuses. If you haven't yet contributed to our campus project, NOW'S THE TIME. An envelope is enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience.

If you'd like to be involved in a local campus group, call Ken Royal at (714) 898-7664, or enclose a note with your contribution.

THANK YOU

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The Ludwig von Mises Institute

WHAT: A Los Angeles, California, seminar on the important, fascinating, and sometimes frightening subject of "What Has Government Done to Our Money?"

WHEN: Saturday, October 19, 1985, 8:00am-5:00pm.

WHERE: Century Plaza Hotel, 2025 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles.

WHO: Murray Rothbard, Mark Skousen, John Pugsley, Joseph Peden, and others.

COST: \$125, which includes breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks, and teaching materials; student scholarships available.

ALSO: A gala reception and dinner in honor of investment giant Howard Ruff that same evening at 6:30pm at the Century Plaza. Tickets: \$75; couples: \$140.

An invitation follows in your September Free Market. To reserve a place or for more information, please call: (202) 543-7696.

LOCAL EVENTS & CONTACTS

Alameda	THU. Oct. 10	Clay Berling, "Non-Austrian Free Market Economics"	Chair, Fred Foldvary	415/548-3776
Butte	WED. Oct. 2	Business Meeting	Chair, Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
Contra Costa			Chair, Hugh McLean	415/234-7809
Fresno			Chair, Bob Subers	209/299-7294
Kern			Chair, Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
Lake			Chair, Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
Marin			Chair, Tom Jacobsen	415/924-5246
Monterey			Chair, Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
Nevada	Friday Mornings	Book Discussion: "Libertarianism in One Lesson"	Interim Chair, Jim Hosbein	916/273-9174
Orange	TUE. Oct. 8	Kim Goldsworthy, "The U. S. Constitution"	Chair, Sharon Ayres	714/966-1211
	WED. Oct. 9	Dick Boddie, "Introduction to Libertarianism"		
	FRI. Oct. 25 -			
	SUN. Oct. 27	Future of Freedom Conference (See Article, Page 1)	Contact, Larry Samuels	714/979-5737
Placer	THU. Oct. 17	Aud Tape: Joe Fuhrig, "The Mises-Keynes Connection"	Chair, Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
Riverside	WED. Oct. 23	Mike Dunn, "Sanctuary for Central American Refugees"	Chair, Ron Holman	714/684-5218
Sacramento	SAT. Oct. 5	LPC State Committee Meetings; Dinner & Speaker TBA	Chair, Eric Phelps	916/338-0290
	SUN. Oct. 6	LPC State Executive Committee Meeting		
San Bernardino	WED. Oct. 23	Mike Dunn, "Sanctuary for Central American Refugees"	Chair, Brian Bishko	714/792-4037
San Diego	TUE. Oct. 15	Jeff Hummel, "Is Detente Between Anarchists & Limited Government Advocates Possible?"	Contact: Dick Rider	619/276-7166
(North County)	WED. Oct. 23	Ed Clark, "Ominous Parallels Between FDR & Reagan"	Contact: Kerry Smith or: Phyllis Avery	619/743-3118 619/439-5899
	WED. Oct. 30	LPC Central Committee Meeting	Chair, Pat Wright	619/238-0913
San Francisco	WED. Oct. 9	Michael Fowler, "The San Francisco Downtown Plan"	Chair, Ann Justi	415/864-0952
	FRI. Oct. 11 -			
	SUN. Oct. 13	Convention: Libertarians for Gay & Lesbian Concerns		
San Joaquin	Thursdays	Christian Libertarian Discussion Group	Chair, George Schwappach	209/334-5948
San Luis Obispo			Chair, Steve Jacobsen	805/541-0900
San Mateo			Chair, Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
Santa Barbara	TUE. Oct. 8	Patt Wardlaw & Patricia Fillippini, "Libertarianism from the Viewpoint of a Republican"	Chair, Jan Bellamy-Genee	805/965-7821
Santa Clara	THU. Oct. 17	Videotape: Walter Williams, "The State Against Blacks"		
	TUE. Oct. 22	Supper Club, Speaker TBA	Chair, Jim Wilson	408/CRY-FREE
Santa Cruz			Chair, Tim Kilburn	408/688-1376
Solano			Chair, Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
Sonoma			Chair, Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
Tulare	SATS. Oct. 5&19	Discussion: Bob Poole's "Cutting Back City Hall"	Chair, Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
Ventura	WED. Oct. 9	Joint Mtg with LA Region 61 - see below	Chair, George Hasara	805/525-6321
61 - San Fernando Valley	WED. Oct. 9	Norma Jean Almodovar, "Former Cop Turned Call Girl"	Regional Message Center	818/705-6496
62 - West LA	FRI. Oct. 18	Jack Dean, "LP Goals: 2% Is The Critical Mass"	Chair, Neal Donner	213/477-6462
63 - Foothills	TUE. Oct. 15	Dick Boddie, "Liberty Ain't Just a Statue"	Chair, Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
64 - Central LA	SAT. Oct. 5 -			
	SUN. Oct. 6	Pioneer Days Fair Booth	Contact, Tony Bajada	818/247-7371
	THU. Oct. 10	Mike Hall, Civil Liberties Symposium	Chair, Laurel Fest	213/254-1776
65 - Downey	WED. Oct. 9	Business Meeting	Chair, Marty Swinney	213/699-3128
66 - South Bay	THU. Oct. 17	Stan Howard, "Local Elections; How to Participate"	Chair, Dave Nichols	213/644-3712
67 - East San Gabriel	SAT. Oct. 19	Audio Tape: Marshall Fritz, "The Self Government Advocates"	Chair, Gail Lightfoot	714/599-1627
	WED. Oct. 23	Mike Dunn, "Sanctuary for Central American Refugees"	Chair, Brian Bishko	714/792-4037

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